

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled and claims 12-23 are pending. Claims 12, 20, and 23 have been amended to more particularly point out and precisely claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 20 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that the scope of claims 20 and 23 has not been changed thereby.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 12, 20, and 23 to recite a solution of two or more biocompatible polymers. Applicant submits that claims 12-23 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112.

A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are enclosed. Please charge any fees associated with this filing, or apply any credits, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,



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